

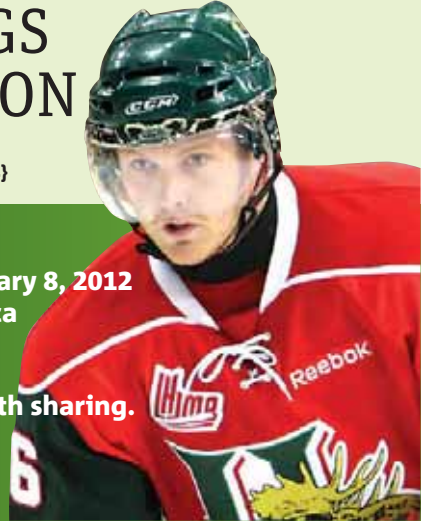


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# Looking to strike a deal

- Both sides in transit impasse ready to make separate offers, meet with conciliator at 10:30 a.m. today
- If an agreement is reached, it would still take a few days for regional buses to start rolling again



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Each side has its own offer to make as Metro Transit and the union return to the bargaining table on Wednesday morning.

Halifax regional council was in a private meeting Tuesday afternoon when Ken Wilson, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, announced to reporters in Grand Parade that they will present a new offer to Metro Transit this morning.

"The members of ATU Local 508 have prepared a counter-offer to the employer's final (offer). Although they told us they didn't want one, we're going to do it anyway," Wilson said. "And then the ball's back in their court, where it's been the whole time."

Less than two hours later, HRM sent out a press release saying they will present a council-endorsed offer this morning, too.

"The conciliator has called both parties together for 10:30 a.m. (Wednesday) morning. Both sides have an offer to bring forward and, hopefully, it will

come to a resolve," Mayor Peter Kelly said in an interview.

"We were already behind closed doors when the union made their commentary. It's good we're all thinking the same way."

Neither side would speak to what is in their offers. Kelly also dodged a question on why Metro Transit is no longer sticking firm to its previous position of wanting the union to take it to their members for a vote.

He said those details will be given to the union this morning.

Wilson watched council's public meeting from the gallery on Tuesday. He said he has yet to see leadership there and only some councillors know what's going on.

"They want us on the street, it's blatantly obvious. Now let's see if they're prepared to keep us there with the counter going to them tomorrow," Wilson said.



► Peter Kelly



► Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 president Ken Wilson talks with reporters in Grand Parade Tuesday.



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# HRM staff working on options during strike

Can't get a bus? Try slugging.

Halifax regional council discussed a number of possible measures on Tuesday to help citizens out during the transit strike. One of the many ideas is slugging, where people wait at designated stops where accommodating drivers will pick them up for a ride to work or school.

But it was the debate

over adding parking around town that drew most of the attention around the council table.

Ken Reashor, director of transportation and public works, said they're looking at allowing people to park at deserted bus stops. But it would involve identifying which stops would work and not cause safety or traffic hazards, and putting up signage to make parking le-

gal.

There would be costs involved and it would take about two weeks before the first bus stops would be available.

"We will do whatever we can in bus zones and limited parking zones that don't impact businesses," Reashor said.

They can't cover many of the meters in bags downtown because businesses re-

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The amount of days into the Metro Transit strike.

ly on short-term parking for their customers, he said.

Coun. Linda Mosher suggested HRM organize a program where cabs make multiple pick-ups and drop-

offs at specific stops and the users would split the cost. Coun. David Hendsbee said HRM could employ chartered buses if the strike continues.

"I suggest our energy and focus is skewed right now," countered Coun. Jackie Barkhouse. She said they need to get the strike resolved instead of spending money on interim measures. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN

# Cab borders cracked wide open

► Boundaries also temporarily relaxed last year for the Canada Winter Games



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Cab boundaries in HRM will be temporarily erased for the duration of the transit strike.

Halifax regional council voted 12-9 to open up the zones temporarily during their Tuesday meeting. That means cabs from all over the municipality can work in the lucrative Halifax zone.

"These are extreme circumstances with no buses on the street. We need to facilitate the mobility of our citizens," said Coun. David Hendsbee.

Other councillors said they've noticed idle taxis everywhere downtown and this measure just isn't necessary. They said they haven't received any calls from citizens complaining

## Council meeting

► 'Irresponsible'. Ken Wilson, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, sat in Tuesday's council meeting. He called council "irresponsible" for talking about more parking and taxis when they should be trying to get the union back to the table.

about a lack of available cabs.

"There's not that spike that people are thinking is there," said Coun. Jerry Blumenthal. "I like the zones the way they are. We're not helping the transit strike by doing this, we're just hurting another set of employees."

Hendsbee responded, calling such attitudes "territorial protectionism."

Al DesLaurier, presi-



► A cab driver picks up a passenger on Duke Street in downtown Halifax Tuesday afternoon.

dent of the Halifax Taxi Drivers Owners Association, told reporters outside chambers he expects this temporary measure will lead to others in the future.

"So next year when the cruise ships will come in they'll open up the zones

for the cruise ships for an emergency. But taxis won't put up with that," he said.

Already zones have been opened permanently during weekend nights to serve the bar scene and DesLaurier said it hasn't made an impact.

He added that he's not recommending taxi drivers stay home in protest of council's decision because it would hurt their customers.

"You've got to remember you're taking our livelihood away from us," DesLaurier said.



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► Richard Butts says the agenda-forecasting system has been in place for some time but is evolving.

## 'Agenda forecasting' nothing new: Butts

► Document calls for review of politically sensitive reports ► Staff briefing notes would not be released



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An "agenda-forecasting" system kept from the eyes of Halifax regional councillors would see politically sensitive staff reports flagged and screened through the office of HRM's senior bureaucrat.

But CAO Richard Butts says there's nothing new about the system.

"The agenda-forecasting system has been in place a long time.... This is just the next evolution of it," Butts told reporters at Halifax City Hall on Tuesday. "(It tries) to make certain that

**"We don't want to surprise council. That's the main thing."**

**RICHARD BUTTS ON THE NEED FOR AN AGENDA-FORECASTING SYSTEM**

the reports that come forward to council are part of council's agenda and directed by council to come forward."

A document released by the alternative weekly The Coast reveals municipal staffers met last November to plan out the system.

The document says the aim of agenda forecasting is to project all staff reports for up to one year before

they're released, and to conduct a systematic review of all reports for their "political and operational sensitivity." "No reports go forward without being screened through this process," it reads.

It also says that the briefing notes given to the CAO and his deputy will not be made available to councillors or the public. In a section titled Communications/Roll Out, it's unclear whether council would be made aware of the agenda-forecasting system at all.

But Butts said the released document was only a draft and doesn't have much value.

BACKS MIKE SAVAGE

## Boyd bows out of mayoral race

David Boyd has dropped out of the race for mayor, throwing his support behind Mike Savage.

Boyd, a local taxi driver, garnered a little more than two per cent of the vote in the 2008 city election.

"Mike's in, I'm out," he said on Tuesday. "That's the end of it for us this year. Maybe in four

more years I'll try again."

"Savage has support from all three major parties, and we just don't have the support.... The recent polls showed us in the two per cent range, and we just don't feel we have a chance at winning."

Boyd famously campaigned on turning HRM into a "Vegas of the East" in 2008, suggesting Halifax should have more strip clubs and casinos. He also made headlines in 2003 when he suggested marriage law should be amended to include human-android relationships.



► David Boyd

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## Cops probe Dartmouth gunshots

Police are investigating a possible shooting in Dartmouth on Monday. Halifax Regional Police received reports of gunshots around Demetrious Lane and Victoria Road at 7:40 p.m. Officers returned the next morning with a K-9 unit. They believe a bullet passed through a fence on nearby Fundy Lane but have yet to determine where it ended up.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 490-5016 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. ● METRO



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# Drug-price cap has hit profits: Group

► New regulations have also been enacted in provinces such as Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia

A cap on generic drug prices is gradually affecting the bottom line of pharmacies across Nova Scotia, says a lobby group for pharmacists.

Allison Bodnar, executive director of the Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia, said anecdotal evidence suggests pharmacies have begun to reduce store hours and full-time hours for some employees since the cap was implemented in July.

"And for the first time in probably a decade we are seeing (pharmacy) students graduating without placements and we are posting virtually no jobs on our website," said Bodnar.

Under legislation introduced last April, the provincial government set a cap on generic drugs of 35 per



► Maureen MacDonald

cent of the cost of the equivalent brand-name drugs. The cap will take effect by July 1 of this year.

The cap was phased in at 45 per cent last July and fell to 40 per cent last Wednesday.

Bodnar said the fee structures for pharmacists simply won't be enough to make up for the lost rev-

## Cutting hours

- Kim Geldart, a pharmacist and owner of three independent Pharmasave drug stores, said she's cut an hour out of daily service at the smallest of her stores in Chester Basin.
- Geldart has also chopped 20 hours a week for full-time non-pharmacy staff at the store and said further measures are inevitable after the full price cut takes effect in July.

venues under the cap.

The province concluded a new tariff deal with pharmacists last summer that would see their dispensing fee gradually increase from \$10.62 to \$12.10 per prescription by April 1, 2013.

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## Local. Play



► Stephanie MacDonald and Jenny Munday perform a scene from *Communion* at the Neptune Studio Theatre on Tuesday afternoon.

## Communion opens tomorrow

*Communion*, written by Nova Scotia playwright Daniel MacIvor, opens Thursday night and runs until Feb. 19.

## Students not staying home: Report

# 7,000

A new report projects that there could be 7,000 fewer Maritime students enrolling in the region's universities in 2025 than there are today.

A new report from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission says fewer Maritimers are enrolling in the region's universities.

Commission CEO Mireille Duguay says of the three provinces, Nova Scotia has had the largest drop in demand from students

seeking a university education in their home province.

She says it fell from 24 per cent at its peak in 2002 to 21 per cent now.

Duguay says the demand in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island peaked in 2005.

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## Fire engulfs mobile home

A Dartmouth mobile home is believed to be

unsalvageable after being engulfed by a fire on Tuesday evening.

Halifax Regional Fire says they were called to an address on Bethel Avenue around 9 p.m. and when they arrived the home was fully

engulfed.

It then took firefighters about an hour to knock down the blaze and get it under control.

No one was at home at the time and there were no injuries.

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## Local hip-hop star nominated for Juno

The Juno Award nominations have been announced and a Halifax hip-hop star has the chance to walk home with two trophies.

JRDN, also known as Jordan Croucher, was nominated for new artist of the year and R&B/soul recording of the year at an announcement in Toronto. JRDN has been enjoying great success with the release of his latest 2010 album I Am JRDN and the

hit single U Can Have It All.

Other locals nominated include Halifax's Jenn Grant for adult alternative album of the year, Halifax's Sloan for rock album of the year and Enfield's Classified for rap recording of the year. Halifax native Bill Johnson was also nominated for blues album of the year.

The awards show will take place on April 1 in Ottawa. See page 14 for more on the Junos.

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## Man dead after workplace accident

Police were called to Hall's Maritime Welding in Billtown on Tuesday.

They say a 43-year-old man was killed on the job, but have released no other details.

The Department of Labour is investigating.

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## Fire ravages restaurant's roof

- Cause not known but no 'evidence of suspicion' — fire spokesman
- Bedford Highway closed for several hours while fire put out

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The owner of a Bedford food market says a fire-wall he installed during a renovation project did what it was supposed to.

"That saved us," said Cameron Khandan, owner of Persepolis Food Market, as he looked at the aftermath from a fire that hit the building housing his business and one other on Tuesday morning.

Halifax Regional Police and Halifax regional fire responded to a fire at the one-storey building housing the market and the adjacent Tu Do Restaurant at 1225 Bedford Highway just before 2 a.m.

When firefighters arrived on scene, fire was shooting out of the roof of the restaurant. There was



► Camran Khandan, left, owner of the Persepolis Food Market, looks at the damage to the building housing his business and the Tu Do restaurant in Bedford on Tuesday morning.

no one inside.

"There was a large volume of flames, coming out of the top of the structure," said Halifax regional fire spokesman Capt. Dave Meldrum.

It took firefighters

about two hours to get the blaze under control. They were then able to go inside and put out any hot spots.

Meldrum said the fire-wall between the two businesses saved the mar-

## Injuries

- Fire spokesman Capt. Dave Meldrum said one firefighter was taken to hospital as a precaution for exertion from fighting the blaze. Another firefighter suffered a hand injury while raising a ladder.

ket from receiving the extensive damage the restaurant did.

"A very large part of the roof has burned clear through and there is serious damage to the interior of the restaurant," he said. "On the other side, at the market, there is very little fire damage."

Khandan said while he's relieved by that, it wasn't easy for him watching the adjoining restaurant on fire.

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## FIRST WORLD WAR SURVIVOR

Last war  
vet dies  
at 110

Florence Green never saw the front line. Her war was spent serving food, not dodging bullets.

But Green, who has died at age 110, was the last known surviving veteran of the First World War.

She was serving with the Women's Royal Air Force as a

waitress at an air base in eastern England when the guns fell silent in 1918.

Green died at a care home in eastern England, two weeks before her 111th birthday.

In 2008, Green remembered her wartime service with affection.

"I met dozens of pilots and would go on dates," she said.

She added: "I would work every hour God sent. But I had dozens of friends on the base and we had a great deal of fun in our spare time."



Florence Green

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Tories do U-turn:  
Torture info now OK

The federal government has carried out a dramatic U-turn on torture.

It has directed Canada's spy agency to use information that may have been extracted through torture in cases where public safety is at stake.

The order represents a reversal of policy for the Tories, who once insisted the Canadian Security Intelligence Service would discard information if there was any inkling it might be tainted.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews has quietly told CSIS the government now expects the spy service to "make the protection of life and property its overriding priority."

A copy of the two-page December 2010 directive

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was obtained under the Access to Information Act.

It drew swift condemnation from Amnesty International. Canada, which said information obtained under torture "has no place in the justice system, full stop."

The NDP and Liberals also pounced on the revelations Tuesday in the House of Commons, pressing the government to account for its new stance.

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11-death horror sparks  
pleas to 'ban the vans'

► 15-seat vehicles 'death traps,' say two mourning moms ► Minister says special driver training mandatory ► Few safeguards for migrant workers

A horrendous crash that killed 10 migrant farm workers and a truck driver in rural Ontario has rekindled calls for a ban on 15-passenger vans, the kind that ferried Monday's tragic crew.

There were also calls to bulk up safeguards for agriculture labourers.

Workers' rights advocates said the crash in Hampstead, northeast of Stratford, has brought to light the hazards faced by tens of thousands of migrant workers toiling on Ontario's farms.

Long shifts under grueling conditions leave workers exhausted and vulnerable to accidents, said Stan Raper of the Agriculture Workers Alliance.

"There has to be a more humane way to provide work to people," Raper said.

Bob Chiarelli, Ontario's Minister of Transportation, said driving a 15-passenger van requires special training and would not be permitted using a standard international licence.

The van carrying workers from Peru collided with a flatbed truck.

The impact sent the van hurtling across a lawn before smashing into the side of a house with the passenger side ripped nearly clean off.

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► OPP numbers mark the spot where 10 migrant farm workers and a truck driver died in a horrific crash in Hampstead, Ont.

## Deadly toll

► The 11-death crash was the deadliest multi-vehicle crash in Ontario since 1999, when fog near Windsor caused an 87-car pileup that killed eight.

► Canada's worst road accident was in Quebec in 1997. A chartered bus taking a group of seniors on a tour plunged over an embankment near St-Joseph-de-la-Rive, killing 43 of the 48 people on board.

Vans meant  
for cargo,  
say moms

Two women whose sons were killed in a 15-passenger van crash four years ago in New Brunswick say the horrific collision in Ontario reinforces their belief that the large vehicles are "death traps."

Isabelle Hains and Ana Acevedo said the vans offer

no protection to passengers because they're designed to carry cargo, not people.

"How many more terrible 15-passenger-van collisions and deaths do we have to witness before our governments ... wake up," their statement says.

Hains's 17-year-old son Daniel was among seven high school basketball players killed in 2008. Acevedo's 17-year-old son Javier also died.

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# A win, a delay for gay couples

► U.S. court says same-sex ban unconstitutional  
► But California gays must wait for more challenges

A U.S. federal appeals court Tuesday declared California's same-sex marriage ban to be unconstitutional.

The move puts the bitterly contested, voter-approved law on track to reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that a lower-court judge correctly interpreted the U.S. Constitution and Supreme Court precedents when he declared in 2010 that Proposition 8 — a response to an earlier state-court decision that legalized gay marriage — was a violation of the civil rights of gays and lesbians.

But the appeals court said gay marriages cannot resume in the state for now.

They must wait until the deadline passes for Proposition 8 sponsors to appeal to a larger panel of the 9th Circuit.

"Proposition 8 serves no purpose, and has no effect, other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California, and to officially reclassify their relationships and families as inferior," states the opinion written by Judge Stephen Reinhardt, one of the court's most liberal judges.

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They support it ...



► Supporters of gay marriage react after the court decision in San Francisco.

... they're against it



► People rally in New Hampshire in support of replacing the same-sex marriage law.

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## Drilling at ancient

► Probe may have reached sub-glacial lake sealed off from atmosphere for millions of years  
► Scientists speculate Lake Vostok holds secrets about prehistoric micro-organisms ► Frigid Antarctic location restricts access

The coldest place on earth may have stopped scientists tantalizingly short of tapping into a 15-million-year-old mystery of a buried Antarctic lake.

Racing against time and plunging temperatures, Russian scientists have been drilling nearly four kilometres beneath the bleak central Antarctic surface to reach Lake Vostok, about the size of Lake Ontario.

The Russian news agency RIA Novosti quoted sources on Monday as saying they have finally touched the liquid lake surface, 20 years after the controversial project started in earnest.

The head of the Russian mission pulled back on Tuesday, however, telling Nature magazine the data are still being analyzed to confirm the hit.

Timing is vital: The last flight out of the area left Monday as Antarctica's short summer vanished and temperatures started falling. By February, the

**"If they were successful, their efforts will transform the way we do science in Antarctica and provide us with an entirely new view of what exists under the vast Antarctic ice sheet."**

ANTARCTIC SPECIALIST JOHN PRISCU  
OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Russian Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute reported, temperatures on the ice above Lake Vostok hover around -42 C. In March, they fall to -61 C.

The coldest temperature on Earth, -89 C, was recorded there in 1983.

"Only when I have this (data) can I say we penetrated (the lake)," Valery Lukin, director of the Russian Antarctic program, told Nature. "We



► Prince Albert II of Monaco, third from left, poses with scientists at the Vostok research station near the South Pole in this file photo from 2009.

want to be sure we have really reached the surface of Lake Vostok.

"As soon as we get it officially confirmed, this information will be disseminated among the international community," said Lukin.

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## Burst dam devastates Bulgarian village

Swollen rivers in Bulgaria and Greece burst their banks Tuesday, leaving dozens of homes underwater, as Bulgarian officials declared a day of mourning for eight people confirmed killed after a dam collapse nearly washed away their village.

Bulgaria's civil defence agency warned that two other, bigger dams were also on the brink of spilling over and residents were urged to prepare for an evacuation. Authorities have started a controlled release of water from the dams to prevent overflow.



► Rescuers carry a man in a dinghy to safety.

Europeans across the continent have been battling more than a week of extreme weather, with thousands still trapped by

snow in remote, mountain villages in the Balkans. Hundreds are dead after temperatures went as low as -36 C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# lake catches a chill

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## Russians strike while it's hot — at least by Antarctic standards

This year's drilling began Jan. 2 (when temperatures are their warmest, about -36 C during the day) and progressed by about 1.75 metres a day, the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute has said.

When the team resumed drilling last year

on Jan. 2, they had already reached 3,650 metres, Nature reported.

At that time Lukin said: "We can make it."

Russian scientists plan to send a swimming robot into the lake in the Antarctic summer of 2012-13. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Last-known World War I veteran dies at 110

Florence Green never saw the front line. Her war was spent serving food, not dodging bullets.

But Green, who has died aged 110, was the last-known surviving veteran of the First World War. She was serving with the Women's Royal Air Force as a waitress at an air base in eastern England when the guns fell silent on Nov. 11, 1918.

It was not until 2010 that she was officially recognized as a veteran after a researcher found her service record in Britain's National Archives.



► Florence Green, left, at 109.

Green died Saturday at the Briar House Care Home in King's Lynn, eastern Eng-

land, two weeks before her 111th birthday, the home said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Trip to tighten bond with China

► While in Beijing, PM to discuss developing a long-term strategy

Centuries ago, emperors flocked to the Temple of Heaven in Beijing to pray for a good harvest.

And that's where Prime Minister Stephen Harper will make one of his first stops on a trip through China, continuing a course he set two years ago to harvest more of the country's wealth.

The trip comes amid a renewed focus on Canada's ability to satiate China's growing thirst for oil — a thirst that's reflected itself in billions of dollars worth of Chinese investment in Canada's oilfields since 2009.

One route is the Northern Gateway pipeline,

which could deliver oil from Alberta to ports in B.C. and then onwards to China. But hearings into the pipeline have just begun.

So, though oil and gas executives form part of the 40-strong business contingent along for Harper's trip, it is other sectors ready now for greater Chinese involvement that will be daily focus of Harper's tour.

This is Harper's second visit to China since 2009. The two countries have grown closer thanks to a series of high-level meetings.

Harper is hoping to push forward the relationship with a series of events highlighting people as much as product, as well as signing



► Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, arrive in Beijing on Tuesday. Harper is on a visit to China.

new deals.

Among the deals in the works is the foreign-investment protection agreement, which has been under negotiation with China for almost 20 years.

Business groups would like to see an agreement finally reached, as it would

give both sides more confidence to expand trade.

The delegation on the trip includes five cabinet ministers, six Tory MPs and 40 business and community leaders, including high-level executives from the energy and agriculture sectors.

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## Walmart expansion to boost jobs in Canada

Walmart Canada plans to spend more than \$750 million this year to open, relocate or remodel 73 retail stores, including former Zellers locations.

The world's biggest retailer said Tuesday the initiative will create more than 14,000 jobs — about 3,500 new store positions and 10,500 in the trades and construction sector.

The hiring spree would be a big help to Canada's job picture as the January unemployment rate rose to 7.6 per cent.



Walmart already employs about 85,000 Canadians and is the country's largest department-store retailer by sales. Included on the list of Walmart Canada stores are 39 Zellers locations the Canadian subsidiary bought last year.

Walmart said more than half of the 73 projects will become supercentres, which offer an array of groceries as well as general

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merchandise. "Our research tells us that our customers enjoy the one-stop-shopping offer," said Walmart Canada spokeswoman Rosalyn Carneiro.

The expansion comes as

competition in the Canadian retail market heats up with the entry of fellow discount retailer Target next year. Walmart Canada plans to open 125 to 135 stores.

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### News in brief

#### Bell Aliant's fibre optic network to boost revenue

**PROFITABILITY.** Bell Aliant Inc. expects to stay on a path to growth in 2012 with higher revenues driven by its fibre optic network for digital TV and high-speed Internet services, chief executive Karen Sheriff said Tuesday.

In 2012, Bell Aliant expects adjusted earnings per share of between \$1.60 and \$1.80. Sheriff said the Bell Aliant's fibre optic network is the key to long-term profitability.





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#### Tweak system for jobs: Report

**IMMIGRATION.** The federal government could put the equivalent of 370,000 more people to work if it tweaked the immigration system to focus on the long-term needs of the job market, says a new report by Toronto-Dominion Bank. Immigrants who arrived in Canada in the 1970s used to be able to catch up to the salaries of their Canadian counterparts within a generation. But the disparity has grown steadily and now the average immigrant doesn't have much hope of seeing the gap close until the second generation.

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### Market moment

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## Halliburton to ditch BlackBerry for iPhone

In another blow to troubled Canadian smartphone maker Research In Motion, energy drilling giant Halliburton Co. says it will replace its company-issued BlackBerrys with competitor Apple's iPhone.

Halliburton said Tuesday it is making the move after

deciding that Apple's technology works better with the programs it uses in the field. A spokeswoman for the firm says the plan will phase out 4,500 BlackBerrys from its operations.

"We are making this transition in order to better support our mobile applications initiatives," said Tara Mullee Agard.

RIM has been struggling to keep a solid presence in the market against Apple's products and Android phones. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Women fall prey to 'ambition gap': Facebook COO

If Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg isn't one of the richest women in the world, she'll be one of them soon.

According to published reports, she made \$30.9 million US last year, while her estimated 1.7 per cent stake in Facebook could boost her net worth to roughly \$1.7 billion once the social-networking giant's initial public offering is complete.

Either way, the 42-year-old is one of the world's most successful executives, and when she talks about gender and the workplace, people listen.

Last week she told a panel discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, inequalities and double standards — including a sizeable "ambition gap" — impede women from childhood all the way to corporate board-



► Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer, speaks at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Jan. 27.

rooms. "We reward men for being leaders, for being as-

sertive, for taking risks, for being competitive," she told

a panel on the future of women in business. "(But) we teach women as young as 4 to lay back, be communal. We need our girls to be ambitious to achieve in the workforce."

Sandberg herself points out that, while men in corporate settings are generally viewed as more likeable as they achieve more, women who achieve are usually seen as less friendly and likeable as their accom-

plishments mount.

Prof. Jennifer Berdahl of the Rotman School of Business says that environment complicates the setting and achieving of goals. "Women who are competent and assertive in the workplace ... experience backlash for being that way. It's hard for women to do what it takes to become a leader if that's the social reaction," she says.

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# WHEN BUZZ PHRASE TURNS TO BUZZ KILL

JUST SAYIN' ...

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This column is totally going viral! How can I say that? Well, I can't, really.

But the point is that the phrase "going viral" is becoming so overused by media, bloggers, marketers,

PR types and consumers alike to describe something that is "taking off" (when it isn't always), that has definitely more than hit its tipping point — and could soon jump the shark.

"Going viral" has become one of the sexiest phrases out there, and essentially means becoming extremely popular in a very short amount of time.

Now everyone wants to be part of something that's going viral, whether they're creating it or sharing it. The Internet and social media, of course, have fuelled virality in ways pre-Internet couldn't do, and the term "going viral" has seeped into popular culture.

It's referred to everywhere — in movies, TV, music and even books.

**"'Going viral' has become so ubiquitous, so overused, that, often as not, it refers to things that aren't going viral."**

Whether it's a YouTube video, a tweet, a Facebook photo, a meme, interactive flash game, app, software or a forwarded email, attaching the message "going viral" is an exciting way to get people to click on something and pass it on to others.

Certainly much of the shared stuff is awesome, but "going viral" has become so ubiquitous, so overused, that, often as

not, it refers to things that aren't going viral.

The term is used as kind of a desperate gimmick by marketers to generate exposure for products and by everyday people looking for fame for stuff that really isn't catching on in the least.

So ... I propose the time has come for all of us to start being far more discriminating about our use of "going viral." To have some criteria and rules for what "going viral" is (e.g., 100,000 YouTube views in a matter of days is "going viral"; 9,000 views is not).

If we don't, we're totally going to ruin the meaning of this phrase through its overuse. People will stop clicking on it — or be far more suspicious — of anything that says "going viral." It will come more to mean "going anti-viral." Or buzz kill.

Failing that, perhaps we just move past it altogether and begin to use new words and phrases to describe the phenomenon of something getting popular really fast. Phrases like "holy contagious!" or "completely insane!" or "crazy buzz!"

Those could just as easily start to generate new excitement for something taking off.

So, yes, as I was saying, this column is totally going viral, er, holy contagious!

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# He has pins and needles

## Pain and prayer at Hindi fest

It looks like this unfortunate man has got tangled in some gigantic bicycle wheel.

But in reality this contraption is a centerpiece to Tuesday's Hindi festival of Thaipusam. Here, a devotee carries a "Kavadi" along a four-kilometre route from the Sri Srinivasa Perumal, one of Singapore's oldest temples. **MWN**

### Thaipusam facts

- ▶ **For the faint-hearted, too.** Those not keen on self-impalement offer pots of milk to the gods.
- ▶ **Body be pure.** 48 days before the event, devotees abstain from meat, alcohol and sex.
- ▶ **Skin-pulling day.** Devotees pull carts by ropes hooked on their backs.

## Physical bond to divine forces

Thaipusam, a Hindu festival celebrated in the Tamil month of Thai (in January or February, depending on the full moon), celebrates the deity Murugan. Devotees pierce body parts such as cheeks and tongues before carrying the "Kavadi."

These rituals stress the zealot's physical devotion to divine forces.

**MWN**



### Local tweets



- ▶ **@t\_d\_duker:** Transit strike and pissed off cabbies. That leaves me only one option: I'm finally getting a pony! #transitstrike #Halifax
- ▶ **@John\_Trask:** Sidney Crosby should just retire and run for Mayor of #Halifax.
- ▶ **@Ms\_Ginger:** Looking for a job in #Halifax is made even harder by the #TransitStrike. Im really ready to just give up.
- ▶ **@Allisomething:** Starting betting game by listing friends who complain about Halifax on Facebook. Then going to ask them if they voted after the election.
- ▶ **@erika\_boutlier:** Avoid Oxford Street #Halifax. So much construction, so little time!
- ▶ **@k8ehowell:** I think the #halifax weather mother den is confused as to what time of year it is, but I ain't complaining. Gorgeous. #springinthewinter
- ▶ **@CubCarson:** Helicopter in the sky today in #Halifax. That can only mean one thing. Peter Mackay is on another fishing trip.



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## Madge is back



Madonna's not finished with stadiums. Live Nation Entertainment announced Tuesday that the Material Girls first tour since 2009 will include a Sept. 6 show at Yankee Stadium. Her world tour will start May 29 in Tel Aviv, Israel. The North American portion of the tour will include Montreal, San Jose and Cleveland.

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Happy Endings: Six characters in search of hilarity, and finding it, on TV's funniest show

- Tickets for the Juno Awards go on sale Friday
- Nickelback, Drake, Feist, Hedley among Juno nomination leaders

# Who will rule this year's Junos?

City and Colour, Dan Mangan, Drake, Feist, Hedley and Nickelback led the Juno Award nominations Tuesday with four nods apiece, setting up a wide-open race at this year's gala in Ottawa.

No one artist managed to rise above the pack as nominations were announced at a glitzy, crammed gathering in Toronto. After the first group of nominees, Avril Lavigne, Michael Bublé and Deadmau5 followed with three nods each.

Teen sensation Justin Bieber also earned a pair of nominations — including one for album of the year — while other multiple nominees included Blue Rodeo co-frontman Jim Cuddy, Hamilton rockers Arkells and Montreal-based

indie-rockers Braids.

With so many multiple nominees, many artists will be duking it out with one another over and over again in several categories.

"I could kick Bieber's ass but not Drake — he's a bit hardcore," laughed Niagara Falls, Ont., electronic producer Deadmau5 (nee Joel Zimmerman), who's up for the Juno fan choice award and artist of the year — a nomination he called a "shocker."

He's probably less surprised about being up for best dance recording, a category he's won four years in a row.

"It's not really weird when you're only one of like five Canadians making dance music these days," he said of the unique scenario. "(But) I'm sure a lot



► Deadmau5, a.k.a. Joel Zimmerman, appears on stage during the Juno Award nominations announcement Tuesday in Toronto.

more are, and that just kind of paves the way for a lot more to be recognized."

Cuddy, meanwhile, has two nominations for his third solo record, Sky-scraper Soul, on the same night that Blue Rodeo will be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

"It's huge," Cuddy said. "Obviously we love the status we have as a band that's been around for a long time, but you do want your newest work to be acknowledged. So I'm very, very pleased."

Of the marquee names nominated, Mangan might have come as a surprise to some fans. Among his four nods, the 28-year-old Vancouver native is up for new artist of the year and songwriter of the year, a category in which he'll compete

## Shatner's show

Star Trek icon William Shatner has been named host of the April 1 gala, to be broadcast on CTV.

► Picking Shatner to oversee the awards is a generational shift from last year, when the show was hosted by Toronto rapper Drake, who received strong reviews for showcasing his comedic side during his turn as MC.



► William Shatner

with Cuddy, Ron Sexsmith, Feist and Dallas Green.

Album of the year will pit Christmas albums by Bieber and Bublé up against the latest from Drake, Avril Lavigne and Nickelback, while the field for artist of the year includes City and Colour,

Deadmau5, Feist, Bublé and, yes, Drake again.

More performers were also added to the lineup on Tuesday — including group of the year nominees Nickelback and Hedley — joining Feist, City and Colour, Deadmau5 and Blue Rodeo.

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# A wandering path

Washington has made some bold career choices

## IN FOCUS

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Denzel Washington is a famous guy. Since his 1974 film debut — he played the uncredited part of Alleyway mugger in *Death Wish* — he's won two Academy Awards and a Tony, directed two films and been voted one of the most handsome people in the world.

This weekend, he teams with Ryan Reynolds in what will certainly be the handsomest film of the month, *Safe House*. The story of a young CIA agent guarding a fugitive turns ugly when their safe house is attacked, is bound to break the box office, but not all of Denzel's movies have been huge hits.

Though he's had great success with films like *Training Day*, let's have a look at some of his overlooked films.

The 1991 crime-thriller *Ricochet* starred Washington as a Los Angeles cop-turned-attorney going head-to-head with a bitter escaped criminal (John Lithgow) he put behind bars. Solid action and a great villain from Lithgow's psycho period — before he did 3rd Rock from the Sun and went soft — it never found the audience it deserved.



Denzel Washington has never been afraid to take chances with the roles he chooses.

Years later in *Training Day*, Washington's character flashes a picture of himself as a young LAPD officer. The photo is a still from *Ricochet*.

Washington has played his share of attorneys and policemen over the years, but he has never been afraid to try new things, as he did in 1993's *Much Ado About Nothing*. In this all-star adaptation of Shakespeare's most famous romantic comedy, he plays the powerful Don Pedro of Aragon.

The movie took hits for its miscasting of Keanu Reeves and Michael Keaton in key roles, but Washington was praised for his work. He has performed Richard III and Julius Caesar on stage, but this movie remains his only filmed Shakespearean

role.

From the light comedy of the 17th century we next look at the post-apocalyptic *The Book of Eli*, set just a few years from today. It's a strange movie. Denzel plays a coiled spring of righteous power in this timely movie about how religion can be used for both good and evil.

Finally, a movie that should have spawned an ongoing franchise but dried up after just one film was *Devil* in a *Blue Dress*. Rolling Stone called Washington's take on private investigator Ezekiel 'Easy' Rawlins a "richly detailed portrayal," adding that you leave the movie hoping the other books in the Rawlins series will be turned into films. Sadly, that didn't happen.



Josh Hutcherson, left, Vanessa Hudgens and Dwayne Johnson are shown in a scene from *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island*.

# The hunger for something more

Josh Hutcherson will face a daunting few months  
But with two major films, he longs for indie work



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While he spent most of his teenage years churning out major motion pictures, 19-year-old Josh Hutcherson is keenly aware that as far as fame goes, he hasn't seen anything yet. This year, he co-headlines *Journey 2: the Mysterious Island* with Dwayne Johnson — who's stepping in for *Journey* to the Center of the Earth co-star Brendan Frasier. And then Hutcherson has a little something called the *Hunger Games* hitting theaters next month. Hutcherson describes the coming months as "a little daunting."

**Your character seems to have bad luck with father figures.** Yeah, a bit. He's having a hard time dealing with that, and I think that because his father wasn't around originally he has a tough time kind of coping

with the new guy that's sort of come into his life.

**How was having Dwayne Johnson stepping in to replace Brendan Frasier?** I think with Dwayne, you see him be the big action guy and then also the charming Tooth Fairy kind of role, and then this one I think kind of combines those two worlds.

**Is a third film in the franchise in your mind at all? Has there been talk or contracts for that yet?**

For sure. They've had a lot of talks about it. They're kind of waiting obviously to see how this movie performs and whatnot.

**Has there been a focus or effort by yourself or your team to find more franchise-type films?**

No, not so much. I think if anything it's been a bit of the opposite — now that I have the *Hunger Games* and *Journey* franchises, to move on to something that more of an indie kind of


film.

**With the *Hunger Games* coming up, this is a big year ahead for you as well. How are things changing for you?**

At the moment, it hasn't changed that much. But as far as how I'm looking ahead, I'm a little bit nervous, just based on what the expectations are for the movie. It's going to be a little life-changing, possibly, but I'm on board. I'm excited about it.

**The casting process for "the *Hunger Games*" was one of the most contested, heated online discussions I've ever seen. How was it to be on the actors' side of that?**

The fans are extremely loyal, and any time you see them lashing out or whatever you want to call it, it's coming from a place of passion. I personally didn't look at anything like that. I never really went online. I'd only heard through hearsay what other people were talking about, really.



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## Talking points

## Pitt says Jolie still has a wild side to her

**LOOK FOR HER NEW MOVIE ROLE AS A BAD GIRL** While in recent years Angelina Jolie has seemed to tame the bad-girl ways that made her famous, Brad Pitt insists — rather coyly — that her at-home behaviour is still pretty fun.

"She's still a bad girl," Brad says in an interview with CBS This Morning. "Delightfully so. It's not for public consumption."

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## Beyoncé baby body bouncing back into form

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**ROUNDS** Beyoncé showed off her post-baby body in her first public outing since giving birth a month ago, attending husband Jay-Z's charity concert at Carnegie Hall, according to Us Weekly.

The new mom reportedly made the most of her night out at the concert's after-party, as well.

"She made a much bigger effort to say hello to nearly every-

one, making rounds around the whole club before joining Jay-Z and guests in the VIP room," a source says.

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## Celebrity tweets



"I'm so sad that basically every celeb has died this week. Where would I get my news if it weren't for Twitter Trending Topics?"



@frankiemuniz



@madiyv

"Just luv the Apple store. Full of hipsters and not one who'll help. Oh sorry I meant 'geniuses'"



@SteveMartinToGo

"Uploaded photo of myself in Speedo to comply with Google's new privacy policy."

## Russell wants his brand on Deschanel

► Katy Perry look-alike caught the eye of Russell Brand

## THE WORD

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In the wake of his split from Katy Perry, Russell Brand has reportedly set his sights on New Girl star Zooey Deschanel — and has been sending her "fun, flirty texts," according to Hollyscoop.

Sources say that Brand "thinks she's hysterically funny and cute, too. He loves her quirky sense of humour, and thinks they'd be great together both on- and off screen."

Coincidentally (or not!), Deschanel filed for divorce from husband Ben Gibbard just days before Brand filed for divorce from Perry.

This is weird, because the fact the two women look alike is well documented.

**"He loves her quirky sense of humour, and thinks they'd be great together..."**

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► Russell Brand has been courting a woman who looks a lot like his ex Katy Perry.

In 2009, Deschanel actually complained to MTV News about constantly being confused with the popular Perry.

"It's a little bit annoying, to be totally blunt. The only similarity that we

have is that we look a little bit alike," she told the site. "I have met her before. She seems like a nice person. I'm happy that she's famous enough now that she's not going out and being mistaken for me."

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## Travel in brief



One of the 20th century's most famous performers who spent his childhood in Appleton will be the subject of an exhibit at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art.

The show about magician and escape artist Harry Houdini will examine his life, legend and cultural influence. The Madison museum is its only Midwest venue.

The exhibit includes works by contemporary artists who have been influenced by Houdini, historic photographs, Art Nouveau-era posters and silent films.

Handcuffs, shackles, a straitjacket, a milk can and a packing trunk are also showcased in the context of their original presentation. There are also two of his private diaries that have never been shown in public.

Houdini: Art and Magic starts Feb. 11 and runs through May 13.

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Score a fabulous find from a local designer

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For more secondhand finds, pop into the



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"friperies" in the trendy Plateau District. We like Folles Alliees (365 Av. du Mont-Royal E., 514-843-4904) for its finely curated, mint-condition vintage

pieces and Retromania Boutique (820 Av. du Mont-Royal E., 514-596-2618) for its well-organized, affordable finds that could have come from your hip

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### For the culturephile: Eat your way through the city like a local

You could spend hours in Montreal's markets, sampling the local food and mingling with the people who grow and purchase it. Little Italy's Jean-Talon Market (7070 Henri-Julien St., 514-937-7754) is a year-round emporium of all

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But save some room for the bagels. Montreal-style bagels are smaller, sweeter and denser than the New York variety. They're always baked in a wood-fire oven — right in front of you at St-Viateur Bagel & Cafe (multiple locations, [stviateurbagel.com](http://stviateurbagel.com)) — which makes it worth a stop for breakfast or lunch.



# Breathe in. It's Montana

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## WHAT TO DO:

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**Fly fishing:** Montana is home to the world's best fly fishing, in a network of sparkling rivers and creeks. Hire a guide to loan you some gear and to show you where the locals cast. (For a refresher, skip the movie and read Missoula native Norman Maclean's *A River Runs Through It*)

**Ghost hunting:** During a mining boom in the late 19th century, a number of small towns and mining camps were created in the western part of the state.



► Fly fishing

While long since abandoned, many of these ghost towns have been preserved and are open for tours.



► Welcome to Big Sky Country.

## WHAT TO EAT:

Montana may not seem like a culinary destination, but that's changing quickly. A bounty of local produce and traditionally-raised organic beef, lamb, and elk, are attracting top culinary talent. And beer lovers can sample suds from over 20 microbreweries. Saddle

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## WHERE TO STAY:

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## Drink of the week

## Chocolate Covered Strawberry Martini

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The delicious cocktail features Frangelico Hazelnut Liqueur infused with Irish cream and cherry brandy.

Garnish it with a fresh strawberry!

- 1 1/4 oz Frangelico
- 1 1/4 oz Carolans
- 3/4 oz cherry brandy

Shake all ingredients up with ice.

Pour into a chilled Martini glass.

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# Penne perfection

► There's nothing as comforting as gooey cheeses baked into pasta ► Four delicious ones are used here

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Goosey cheeses combine to create a warm and cosy feel to this Penne and Four Cheese favourite.

Baking the creamy pasta combination gives an extra bubbly sauce with a golden-brown topping that is irresistible.

### Preparation:

- 1 Melt the butter in the saucepan over medium heat and cook the shallots, garlic and thyme for 5 minutes or until they are softened. Stir in the flour and cook, stirring for 1 minute.

- 2 Whisk in the cream and cook, whisking occasionally for about 10 minutes or until it is thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon. Remove the pot from the heat and add the fontina, Gorgonzola, ricotta and Parmigiano into the cream mixture. Whisk it until it is smooth. Stir in basil and keep warm.

- 3 In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the penne for 8 minutes. Add the spinach and cook for 2 minutes until

spinach is wilted and pasta is al dente. Drain everything well and return it to pot. Add cheese sauce and stir to combine well. Spoon pasta the mixture into 8 French onion soup bowls and place on large baking sheet.

- 4 Topping: Combine the breadcrumbs, parsley, Parmigiano and butter in bowl. Sprinkle over the pasta. Place in pre-heated 425 F (220 C) oven and bake for about 10 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) butter
- 2 small shallots, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) chopped fresh thyme or 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) all purpose flour
- 3 cups (750 mL) 5% light cream

- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded fontina cheese
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) crumbled Gorgonzola cheese (about 4 oz/125 g)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) penne rigate pasta (about 6 cups/1.5 L)
- 1 bag (10 oz/300 g) baby

spinach, chopped

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped fresh basil or Italian parsley

### Topping:

- 2 cups (500 mL) fresh bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) butter, melted



► The recipe makes eight servings.

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# Finding the key to co-op

► Switching majors set this university student on a solid track to success

## STUDENT VOICE

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When I first started at Simon Fraser University, I was happy that my school had a co-op program and I had heard that many students had positive co-op experiences.

However, as time gradually passed and I finally enrolled successfully into the co-op program last March, I realized that I could not find any relevant jobs be-

cause of my major: geography.

As I searched through the list of co-op jobs, I figured out that many science co-op jobs were related to environmental science. I realized that I was following the wrong path.

I immediately talked to my advisor and switched my major from geography with an environmental specialty to physical geography, and then to environmental science.

A few months passed and I finally had two interviews last August. I did not expect to receive a place-

**"Do not be disappointed even when you do not get the job. You should evaluate any mistakes you have made and correct them."**

YOKO LU

ment, so I was shocked when I got a phone call from the co-op advisor, telling me I had an offer.

I was lucky to get a job in my co-op program because I got accepted into the program very late.

My key suggestion to students is not to give up. I kept applying to the job offers even though the job descriptions were not really in my area of study. I would recommend students keep applying even though you

may feel uncomfortable with the job or its description.

If you are invited to interviews, you have to keep in mind that the employers receive lots of applications

### Lessons learned

Key take-aways from Yoko's experience:

- Browse job listings to see which skills, experiences and education are in demand.
- Changing your major early on isn't failing — it's OK to change your mind.
- Don't get discouraged! Competition is fierce in many fields and it might take some time to get a job.



► Yoko Lu has changed her focus from geography to environmental science.

and can only choose a few students to interview and only one will get an offer.

Do not be disappointed even when you do not get the job. You should evaluate any mistakes you have made and correct them.

To help with this process, I believe that schools should have more courses on real world experiences, such as writing resumes and cover letters, and preparing for inter-

views.

Workshops are not enough. I think there should be regular courses where students can be taught more efficiently and perhaps students would be able to apply to jobs after their resumes and cover letters are carefully checked by their peers. **TALENTEGG.CA, CANADA'S ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADS, WANTS TO HEAR YOUR STUDENT VOICE. SHARE IT AT TALENTEGG.CA.**

### Where Yoko is now

I am currently a co-op student as a research project assistant and I am volunteering at various positions during the weekends, and am still willing to take on new experiences.

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# BIG PICTURE

## MBA GRADS CAN ANALYZE PROBLEMS FROM MANY ANGLES

With average Canadian MBA students earning as much as \$143,000 after graduation, according to the Financial Post's 2010 MBA program index, there is good reason the masters of business administration is gaining popularity in Canada and worldwide.

Students who have an MBA have been exposed to many different areas of business they probably would not have otherwise, says Shai Dubey, director of the Queen's MBA program and academic director of the university's Masters of International Business. That experience allows MBA grads to analyze problems critically from many angles.



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"You provide added value for your company because you have a well-rounded perspective on how a business should work," he explains.

Going through an MBA program is also about personal exploration, he says. "It's about exploring ... how to leverage your skills, how to minimize your weaknesses."

Queen's MBA students graduate with an understanding of the big picture, but also with the skills to execute on that understanding, Dubey says.

Leadership skills are a vital

component of the degree. "Within an organization people do MBAs because they want to get promoted, and to get promoted you need to be able to lead people," says Dubey.

Good leadership is very different from managing people, he explains. "You can give anyone a title, but that doesn't mean they can actually lead." The Queen's program is designed to give students many opportunities to exercise their leadership skills. It's a trait to look for if you are choosing a school, says Dubey.

Because teamwork is such an impor-

tant aspect of an MBA, the people you work closely with in class can be just as important as the skills you learn.

"You're forming life-long friendships," says Dubey, who adds he regularly sees Queen's alumni recruit for their own businesses from their alma mater because they trust the quality of the education. That's the power of networking.

However, "where people end up very much depends on what kind of background they have and what kind of industry they're going into," Dubey says.

— Stephanie Orford

## DALHOUSIE'S 'EXCEPTIONAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT'

Located in Halifax, Dalhousie University offers the country's only Corporate Residency MBA program.

The 22-month program combines 14 months of classroom instruction and an eight-month paid work term where students work in an entry-level MBA position.

"They have substantial responsibility in their jobs," says Dr. Scott Comber, the program's director and also a faculty member in the program.

The program's corporate partners are spread across the public, private and non-profit sectors, and include organizations like American Express, Colgate-Palmolive and Scotiabank.

Comber says to date, 75 per cent of students have been hired on full time by the corporate partner after their work term has ended.



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The next intake of students will take place in July, and Comber says the program offers "an exceptional return on investment."

With tuition costing close to \$39,000 for the program, that is nearly offset by the corporate residency salary because students make an average of \$29,000 for their work term, says Comber. Plus, there are potential scholarships available.

The admission requirements for the program are a four-year undergraduate degree, a GPA of at least 3.0 and a GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) score of 550 or higher.

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**"I still feel it. Just once you get warmed up, it kind of leaves. The body gets warmed up and it naturally feels better, producing the adrenaline. I think afterward it's a bit there, but I don't really care about that as long as you feel good during the game. I can deal with that."**

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# TSN gives first-round nod to Herd's Frk

Martin Frk got a big vote of confidence from TSN on Tuesday night.

The Halifax Mooseheads winger was ranked as a first-round prospect — 24th overall — in analyst Bob McKenzie's annual mid-season ranking. Russian winger Nail Yakupov of the OHL's Sarnia Sting was rated No. 1 — earning nine of a possible 10 votes — while Yakupov's countryman, centre Mikhail Grigorenko of the Quebec Remparts,

## 7th

**Jakub Voracek was selected seventh overall in 2007 by the Columbus Blue Jackets. He is the highest-drafted Moosehead of all-time.**

was No. 2.

Frk, who missed the first three months of the season with a concussion, has

eight goals and six assists in 18 games since returning in early December. Seven goals and six assists have come in his past 11 games.

The six-foot, 198-pound Czech was one of seven players to earn an honourable mention in McKenzie's pre-season top-10 ranking.

Frk is also ranked 25th among North American skaters by Central Scouting.

— MATTHEW WUEST



► Mooseheads forward Martin Frk.

## Blue-line blood runs deep

- As injuries strike, long-time forward Randell logs regular minutes on Mooseheads' back end
- Halifax commences four-games-in-five days Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Baie-Comeau



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Travis Randell has played more games as a forward than all but one player in Halifax Mooseheads history. But he might never have looked as comfortable as he has for the past two weeks since injuries forced a sudden shift to defence — so comfortable, he might finish his QMJHL career there.

The 21-year-old has been a natural on the blue-line since stepping in for concussed regular Austyn Hardie on Jan. 26.

"I'm feeling more and more comfortable every day," said Randell, whose 298 career games are second only to Brandon Benedict's record of 343.

"It's definitely an adjustment at first to get your foot-speed backwards, but I think sometimes being a forward and switching back, I see things develop other defencemen might not."

It's not the first time Randell's been used as a defenceman, but this is his longest extended stint. Given his seamless transition, it's not a surprise he began his hockey career as a blue-liner and didn't start skating as a forward until midget AAA with the St. John's Maple Leafs.

He only switched because he was trying out for Newfoundland's under-15 provincial team as an under-age player and thought



**"He's been phenomenal. He's been one of our best defencemen. He's poised with the puck, he's a calm player, he's experienced and he's doing a great job for us."**

**MOOSEHEADS CAPTAIN CAMERON CRITCHLOW, ON TRAVIS RANDELL'S SEAMLESS TRANSITION FROM FORWARD TO DEFENCE**

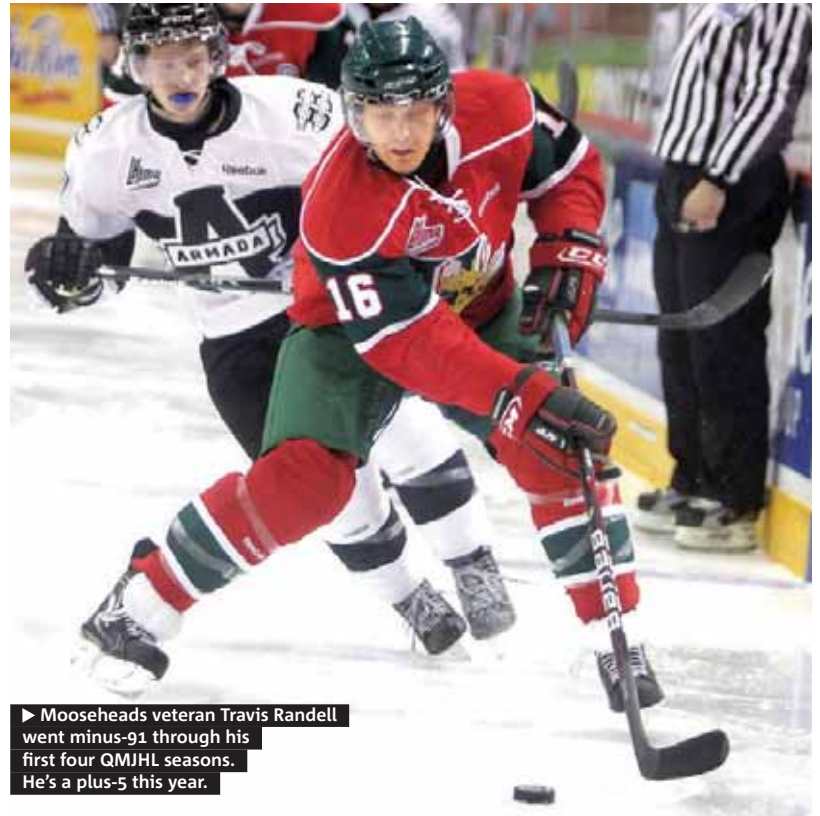
he had a better chance of making it as a forward. When he made the team, he never switched back.

Randell, who served as captain last season, but handed that distinction over to Cameron Critchlow in August, carved out a niche in his first four QMJHL seasons as a defensive forward.

"Maybe now I'm more of an offensive defenceman," joked Randell, who has 45 goals among 113 career points.

"But I enjoy it back there. I've been able to move the puck well and help out offensively a bit, and it's fun making a nice breakout pass. You get a different perspective on the game — you have the full game in front of you."

How long Randell stays



► Mooseheads veteran Travis Randell went minus-91 through his first four QMJHL seasons. He's a plus-5 this year.

on defence might depend on the health of concussed regulars Steve Gillard and Austyn Hardie, but he's certainly lessened the impact of those injuries and given the coaches something to think about.

"We've had injuries on D and we're deep up front," Randell said. "It's just another thing where I'll do whatever it takes to stay in the lineup."

### Draft drama



The Baie-Comeau Drakkar host Nathan MacKinnon on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. for the first time since

drafting him first overall in June's QMJHL draft.

- The Drakkar, who traded MacKinnon to Halifax in July when he wouldn't report to Baie-Comeau, are 24-23-4 and sit nine points behind the Herd in the standings.
- The teams split their two meetings at the Metro Centre this season.



# Centre of attention

► With fellow Penguins pivots Crosby and Staal out with injuries, Malkin is responsible for keeping Pittsburgh's offence on track



► Sidney Crosby tries to deflect the puck into the net during a practice Tuesday in Montreal.

The Pittsburgh Penguins' dream is to have their Big Three centres healthy by the end of the season, but for now Evgeni Malkin is carrying the load on his own.

The 25-year-old Russian leads the NHL scoring race and has been a workhorse for the Penguins while they await the return of Sidney Crosby and Jordan Staal from injuries. Some see Malkin playing as well or even better than in 2008-'09 when he won the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP while leading Pittsburgh to a Stanley Cup.

"Definitely he's playing in the same range as in '09," defenceman Kris Letang said Tuesday. "He's strong, every game he's ready to go and he's really concentrating on what he has to do."

"You can even see him playing well defensively, so that's a good sign from a guy like that."

Malkin has scored 14 goals in as many games, with at least one point in 20 of the last 25 games.

His scoring and Marc-Andre Fleury's goaltending are big reasons why the Penguins have stayed safely in playoff position despite a run of injuries among the worst in the league.

The players say it also helps that they have been in this situation before. Last season, Crosby played only 41 games — one less than Staal and two fewer than Malkin — due to injuries. The Penguins still finished 49-25-8, although they were ousted in the first round of playoffs.

Crosby, whose woes began when he took blows to

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**Number of games this season when the Penguins had their top three centres together, from Nov. 21 to Dec. 5 when Crosby was able to play.**

the head in consecutive games in early January 2011, took part in a full practice on Monday and was on the ice again for an optional skate Tuesday morning. There is no word yet on when the former NHL MVP will return from his concussion symptoms and/or neck injury.

Staal was to miss a 15th game with a knee injury, but he has been cleared to practise and is expected back in a week to 10 days.

Crosby said this week he has been feeling better since he had an injection last week to reduce swelling in soft tissue in his neck. He is more optimistic of a recovery now that the focus of treatment is on his neck instead of the concussion symptoms.

He looked like his old, super-talented self on the ice, and clearly enjoyed being back skating with his teammates.

But as he has done in the past, Malkin has taken the offence on his shoulders.

"This month and half was exceptional," said coach Dan Bylsma. "It was awesome hockey, dominating games, the number of points put up. If he did that for seven months straight it would be an unbelievable thing."

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Eli Manning hoisted the Vince Lombardi Trophy from a blue-and-white float and Mayor Michael Bloomberg joked that New York City should now be nicknamed the "Big Blue Apple," as thousands of fans crowded lower Manhattan on Tuesday to celebrate the New York Giants' Super Bowl victory.

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## 2

Former San Jose Sharks captain Owen Nolan announced his retirement Tuesday after 18 NHL seasons. Nolan played for Quebec/Colorado, Toronto, Phoenix, Calgary, Minnesota and San Jose, scoring 422 goals and 463 assists in 1,200 NHL games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## 3

The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame unveiled its Class of 2012 on Tuesday. Rusty Staub, pictured, Doug Melvin, Rheel Cormier and the 2011 Canadian senior national team will be inducted this June.

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## 4

Clippers guard Chauncey Billups will miss the rest of the season after tearing his left Achilles tendon in Los Angeles' win over the Orlando Magic on Monday.

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## Out with the V-8

What will likely go unnoticed is the lack of a V-8 option, leaving the GS 350 and the gasoline-electric hybrid GS 450h as the only models. The V-8 GS 460 cost an additional \$11,400 over and above the GS 350 when it last appeared in Canada for the 2010 model year and was never a big seller. Its relatively poor fuel economy also didn't help. Replacing the GS 460 is the V-6 F Sport that has its own front clip, mesh grille, body trim, 19-inch wheels and variable suspension and steering systems that continuously adjust to road conditions and driver inputs.

## In with the V-6

It might have a V-6, but the GS 350 is hardly slow. It can scoot to 100 km/h from zero in a Lexus-reported 6.3 seconds, which is a tick more than the second-generation GS 450h that arrives later in the 2012 model year. That model should be the undisputed hot rod in the bunch. What V-8?

The V-6 has been updated with direct fuel injection whereby gas is more accurately metered directly into the combustion chambers.

## Transmission

The F Sport uses the same carryover 306-horsepower 3.5-litre V-6 as the standard GS 350. It's connected to a six-speed automatic transmission that "blips" the throttle for smoother downshifts (called rev matching). Compared to the GS 350, the F Sport adds a level to the standard driver-selectable operating mode that firms up the suspension and sharpens the steering.



► The GS retains its long-hood, short-deck side profile and rear-drive layout.

# GS still living in the fast lane



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Wooing and winning over significant numbers of upscale-car buyers has been a successful venture for Toyota's premium brand and the latest GS series should literally accelerate this trend despite being down a couple of cylinders.

Why? Well, for one thing the 2013 GS, which is slated for a February debut, is leading Lexus out of the design doldrums where, along with many of its stable mates, the car has been.

Nothing overly radical mind you, since the 2013 GS shares a number of physical and mechanical components with its 2012 counterpart, but at both ends the revisions are obvious. The reshaped nose-piece displays a large air

intake below the grille with additional side intakes that also serve as fog-light housings. The confluence of shapes and angles at the business end might not rank as an artistic tour de force, but it's certainly character building and that will help you spot the GS in a parking lot.

The starting-point GS 350 rings in at stout \$54,000, including destination costs, which is about the same as the outgoing model, while the F Sport will likely sticker in the vicinity of \$61,500.

The hybrid is estimated in the mid-\$70,000 range to start.

That's a lot of cabbage, but this is still life in the fast lane with the GS well within sight of other luxury competitors and their six-cylinder offerings.



► A side view of the GS 350.



► The F Sport interior features some very business-like hard-metal surfaces that look elegant and expensive.

## 2013 Lexus GS



What you should know about the 2013 Lexus GS:

- **Types:** Four-door, rear/all-wheel-drive luxury sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (306); 3.5-litre DOHC V6/electric motor (338, net).
- **Transmissions:** Six-speed automatic; continuously variable (GS 450h).
- **Market position:** As with its German counterparts, the GS is staking its future on V-6 engine development as it moves away from what was its bread-and-butter V-8. This should not be problematic as V-6 performance continues to increase.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 11.3/7.8 (RWD, est.).

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## By comparison

### Audi S4

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# CANADA'S BIOX EXPLORES DIESEL'S FATTY FRONTIER

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Not many Canadians know about bio-diesel producer, BIOX, let alone that it uses stuff like chicken and pork fat to create eco-friendly fuel.

But stakeholders in the bio-fuel movement have always been hip to BIOX and its unique and patented process.

"The technology was developed at the University of Toronto, in the late 1990s, when it made absolutely no sense to turn vegetable oils

and animal fats into diesel fuel," notes Kevin Norton, CEO and co-founder of BIOX. During those years, he notes that petroleum-based diesel was cheap and biodiesel feedstock was high. Net result: the research was somewhat "academic." By 2000, realizing

government and consumer appetite for green fuel was going gangbusters, the founders of BIOX started to test the technology for commercial potential.

In 2001 BIOX acquired its worldwide rights. In 2007 its plant in Hamilton, Ont., was completed, and has been working virtually non-stop at full capacity ever since, pumping out biodiesel at a rate of about 60 million litres per year, establishing itself as one of the largest "continuous flow" biodiesel production facilities in the world.

The best way to understand the BIOX process is to first look at the "traditional" process. Traditional methods need a lot of energy and time to first deal with the Free Fatty Acid (FFA) content in some feedstock.

They need an additional layer to treat the FFA, or use feedstock with very little FFA, such as soya or canola. BIOX has no such trouble.

The other huge advantage of the BIOX process is that it is continuous. Feedstock goes in one end and biodiesel comes out the other. In contrast, the traditional process is a batch process.

Yet another advantage is its flexibility. Norton says BIOX can adapt "on the fly" to various raw materials. As such, BIOX is more able to

use cheaper "non food grade" feedstocks — the high FFA content animal fats, crude palm oil, used cooking oil from restaurants, etc., that typically end up in cosmetic and/or animal feed markets.

BIOX also considers itself "supply agnostic." They are not committed to any particular raw material stream or industry.

"We know the raw material markets are going to change," says Norton.

"We actually source on a weekly basis, in about a 500-mile radius of the plant. We buy based on availability, price and logistics. It's a different combination every week."

Diesel transportation fuel in Canada must contain a two per cent renewable component. Certain provinces have their own, higher requirements.

But the U.S. is further along with both regulations and tax incentives, and that's where the big demand is for biodiesel, and where all of BIOX's fuel currently heads.

That demand helped, and continues to help, the U.S. biodiesel industry; it is clearly ahead of Canada's.

But don't blame BIOX. It's doing its part, and in a unique, technical way.

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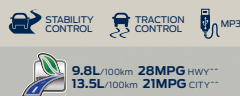


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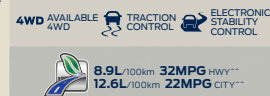


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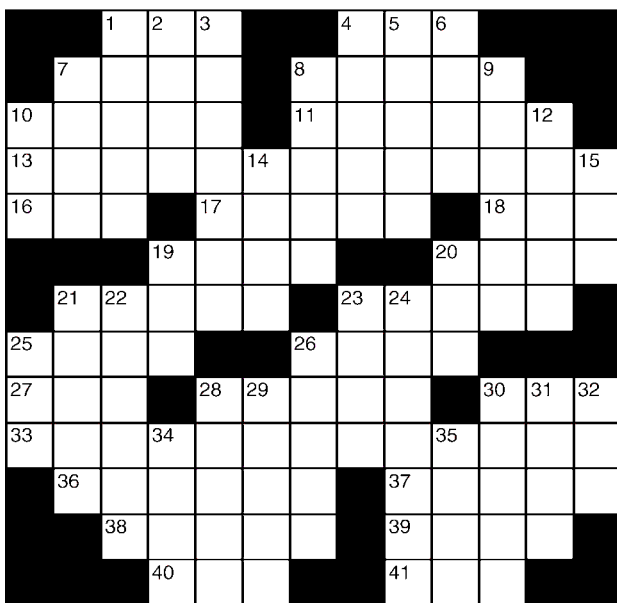
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### Across

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- 4 Pismire
- 7 Rock music's Motley
- 
- 8 Circus performer
- 10 Straighten
- 11 More frosted
- 13 Sunflower State's largest city
- 16 Powell co-star
- 17 Gerrymandered
- 18 Gratuity
- 19 Yank
- 20 Partner
- 21 Aroma
- 23 Gives as an example
- 25 "— have thought ...?"
- 26 Discourteous
- 27 Debtor's letters
- 28 Trap
- 30 Upper surface
- 33 Sooner State's second-largest city
- 36 Grow canines, e.g.
- 37 Occupied
- 38 Needle cases
- 39 Square
- 40 Suitable
- 41 Lair

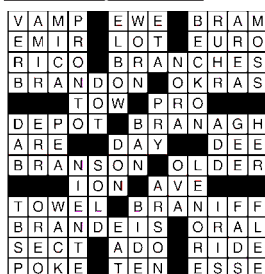


- 14 Legal wrong
- 15 Agent
- 19 Clamptett patriarch
- 20 Packed away
- 21 Yell
- 22 Grand — Dam
- 23 Ringlet
- 24 Came up with
- 25 Humor
- 26 Lawn care tools
- 28 Stopped slouching
- 29 Like a rare game
- 30 Fare, maybe
- 31 Portent
- 32 Skillet
- 34 Bristle
- 35 Own

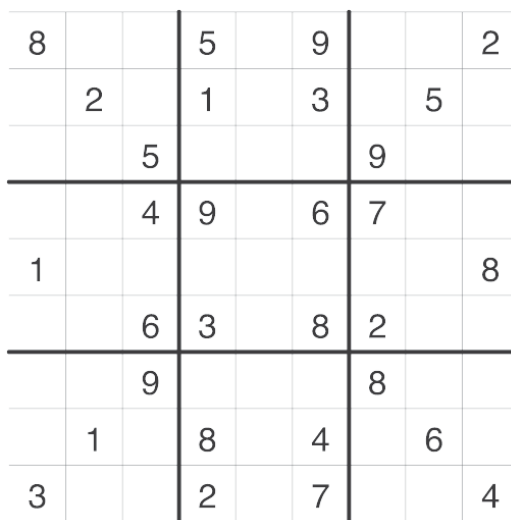
### Down

- 1 Expensive
- 2 Grant or Jackman
- 3 Dweller
- 4 Similar
- 5 Wanderer
- 6 Castor or Pollux
- 7 Advertising award
- 8 Grouch
- 9 Snuggle up
- 10 Piercing tool
- 12 Track components

### ► Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



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### ► Yesterday's answer

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8	3	2	9	1	5	7	4	6
1	4	6	3	7	2	9	8	5
9	6	1	4	3	7	2	5	8
4	7	5	2	8	6	1	3	9
3	2	8	5	9	1	4	6	7
2	1	7	6	5	3	8	9	4
6	9	4	1	2	8	5	7	3
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**LADY LOVER**

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## Today's horoscope

### ♈ Aries March 21-April 20

This is a great time for you and the entry of Venus into your sign will make it 10 times better.

### ♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Pay a bit more attention to what other people are saying. If you don't you could lose out financially.

### ♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Whatever setbacks you may have endured of late, you can be confident that the worst is over.

### ♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Keep telling yourself that you are destined for greatness. It's not a long way from the truth as it happens, but you've got to believe it.

### ♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

If you need assistance with something today, you should find it easy enough to ask for it.

### ♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You are under no illusions as to what your limits are but you also know that you have talents other people do not possess.

### ♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

This is one of the best times of the year for partnership matters, be they personal or professional.

### ♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Difficult decisions will come easy to you today but don't think you have to change everything.

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### ♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

21 With Venus on your side over the next few weeks, you don't have to smash your way to success.

### ♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You'll go out of your way to be nice to family and friends, whether or not they have been nice to you.

### ♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Keep things simple today. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to travel and social plans.

### ♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You may be nice by nature but that does not mean you should let people off the hook when they've done wrong. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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